

# GUARDIAN PEAK

(STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE)

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Fine wine, superb food and magnificent panoramic views are the signature feature of the new Guardian Peak winery which opened in December 2005. These fruit driven wines include three red blends and three single varietal wines which embody the new-world style of winemaking allowing them to be enjoyed at an early age.

The Guardian Peak brand is designed to complement those who enjoy a healthy, active, outdoor lifestyle, and the wines are crafted to be accessible and enjoyed anywhere at any time. Lifestyle is always a priority in the Cape Winelands and the Guardian Peak range is flexible and dynamic to enhance any lifestyle activity imaginable.

Philip van Staden started with the company in 2004, where he completed a harvest at Rust en Vrede. After a move to Ernie Els wines and four years later, Philip moved down to Guardian Peak in 2009 where he has taken over the winemaking responsibilities.

The climate is Mediterranean with the rainfall +- 650mm per annum, the vineyards are located high up on the northern slopes of the Helderberg Mountain. This contribution imparts warmer fruit flavours to the wine. In summer, the vineyards close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean result in cool sea breezes that keeps temperatures lower, extending the ripening period.

The vineyards have a diverse composition of soil and topography which add complexity and an array of different characteristics to our wines.

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## “Lapa” Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

CSPC# 770693

750mlx6

14.55% alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.56	Residual Sugar: 1.8 g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon		
<b>Winemaker</b>	Philip van Staden		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Fermentation took place in open top fermenters and was followed by a maceration period of 14 days after primary fermentation. The wine was matured in first fill French oak for 18 months.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Bright Opaque in colour. Aromas of rich, opulent dark fruit, cassis and a great spiciness that adds character to this classic Cabernet Sauvignon. The classic cassis and blackcurrant aromas are aided by ripe red fruit and lead pencil notes that are true to a Cabernet Sauvignon from the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch. The complexity from the nose is well represented on the palate with the juicy red and black fruit and good tannin structure creating a beautifully drinking wine, with a well-polished and powerful finish. <i>Impression:</i> “I have a great respect for Napa Cabernet Sauvignons as I appreciate the art of their balance in such powerful wine. This wine was made to see how close we can come to a Napa style Cabernet Sauvignon in Stellenbosch”		
<b>Serve with</b>	BBQ, Dark Chocolate, Sirloin/Striploin/Rump steak, Venison		
<b>Production</b>	1243 bottles produced; 1,012 cases made		
<b>Cellaring</b>	A beautiful and well integrated Cab best enjoyed now and for the next three years.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>90 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - April 30, 2015 <b>4 ½ stars</b> - Fiona McDonald, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2015 <b>Silver Medal</b> - International Wine & Spirits Competition, London 2014 <b>Silver Medal</b> - Veritas Wine Awards, Paarl, South Africa 2014		



**Reviews** *"This is solid, with an iron edge to the mouthwatering red and black currant fruit, while tobacco, sanguine and savory notes are inlaid through the finish. Offers a streamlined, focused feel. Drink now through 2017. 1,012 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"2012 maintains stellar quality of 2011: dense, ripe, dark, brooding fruit & herbal edge. Balanced, elegant & beautifully textured, oak (40% new) is integrated & tannins dry. Seamless & silky yet still powerfully muscular."*  
- FMcD, Platter's South African Wine Guide 2015

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